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FOR AID FOREIGN DISASTER RELIEF

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS: SWEL, MA

SUBJECT: US ASSISTANCE TO MALAGASY CYCLONE VICTIMS

REFS: (A) ANTANANARIVO 0839; (B) STATE 079974; (C) ANTANANARIVO 0580

1. PRESENTATION OF COOKING OIL TO MALAGASY GOVERNMENT BY CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE (CRS) AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF INCREASE IN CRS DISTRIBUTION OF EXTRA MILK AND CORN/SOY MEAL (AS FORESEEN IN REF A) OCCURRED ON JULY 28 AND AUGUST 5, AFTER DELAY CAUSED BY SHIPPING DIFFICULTIES. GOOD PUBLICITY GIVEN TO EVENT AT INITIATIVE OF MALAGASY AUTHORITIES. OUR NOTE (REF A) INFORMING MALAGASY GOVERNMENT OF OUR INTENTIONS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. IN VIEW OF YEARLY OCCURRENCE OF CYCLONES HERE, REGULARLY CAUSING SUFFERING AND DESTRUCTION, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE A YEARLY SURGE CAPABILITY BUILT INTO THE CRS PROGRAM FOR MADAGASCAR TO BE DRAWN UPON AT CYCLONE TIME IF NEEDED. LOCAL CRS REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES ALLEN AGREES AND IS THEREFORE SUBMITTING REQUEST FOR INCREASED AMOUNTS OF PL-

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480 FOODSTUFFS FOR CURRENT YEAR. THE INCREMENT WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED BY CRS AND/OR GIVEN DIRECTLY TO MALAGASY AUTHORITIES FOR RELIEF OF CYCLONE VICTIMS WHEN AND IF DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE OCCURS. SHOULD THERE NOT BE SUCH AN ANNUAL PHENOMENON NEXT YEAR, CRS FEELS IT CAN DISPOSE OF THIS INCREMENT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ITS REGULAR PROGRAM.

3. FUNDS FOR INLAND TRANSPORTATION OF THIS INCREMENT WOULD STILL REMAIN A PROBLEM. THIS YEAR WE WERE FORTUNATE IN THAT CRS OBTAINED DOLS 6,500 FOR THIS PURPOSE, VIA ITS GENEVA OFFICE, FROM FAME PEREO OF CANADA AND THE CATHOLIC FUND FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLAND. CRS WILL BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MEANS OF FINANCING INLAND TRANSPORT NEXT YEAR, BUT IF WORSE COMES TO WORSE CAN ALWAYS MAKE PRESENTATION OF THE INCREMENT FOR CYCLONE RELIEF CONTINGENT UPON THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT'S PAYMENT OF THIS CHARGE.

4. I THEREFORE SUPPORT THE REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FOOD-STUFFS BEING SUBMITTED BY CRS ANTANANARIVO.BARRETT

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